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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated December 27, 2007, Applicants submit the following comments.

In the September 19, 2007 Official Action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, the Examiner offers reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is allowable over the prior art of record.

Moreover, the Examiner groups at least independent claims 1 and 18 together in providing reasons why these claims are allowable over the prior art of record. However, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim is allowable by virtue of the limitations presented therein, and should not be limited by limitations presented in any other claim.

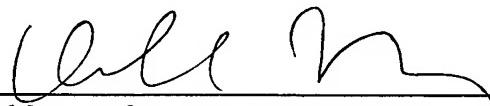
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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